

**Missouri State Library**

# **LSTA State FY2015 Project Plan**

**Approved**

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**LSTA Grant Projects – Funding from Federal FY 2013  
(To be spent in State FY2015 – July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015)**

**LSTA Statewide Projects**

**Missouri State Library Goal 1: Building and Sustaining Information Resources**

**LSTA Priority 1: Expand Services for Learning and Access to Information**

**LSTA Priority 2: Establish or Enhance Electronic Access to Library and Information Services**

**Show Me the World Courier Service**

**CONTINUING**

**Proposed Budget: \$224,087**

The State Library will continue to support a two-day per week courier service for tax-supported public libraries. Providing state funding for the courier service improves turn-around time for interlibrary loan requests, streamlines and improves library staff workflows, increases the number of loans and requests, lowers the cost for each ILL transaction and helps to equalize access to resources for medium-size and small libraries.

**Show Me the World Integrated Library System Consortium**

**CONTINUING**

**Proposed Budget: \$264,211**

This project continues support for the Missouri Evergreen consortium for the purposes of acquiring and implementing a shared integrated library system (ILS). This system improves discovery and sharing of library resources and provides a low-cost alternative to systems owned and managed individually by libraries. The consortium recruits primarily from public libraries, but could include school and special libraries as well.

This is the third of five successive annual migrations of libraries from their stand-alone integrated library systems to the consortium server's union catalog. During SFY2015, the State Library will work with Missouri Evergreen to help establish a long-range sustainability plan.

**Show Me the World Interlibrary Loan**

**CONTINUING**

**Proposed Budget: \$396,604**

This provides an integrated set of electronic services to facilitate resource sharing by public libraries. Funds are used to provide a statewide license for interlibrary loan (ILL); discount pricing for CatExpress, and access for users to search a 1 billion record database of library materials. (\$356,604)

This project also provides funding for the retrospective conversion of library records to help make collections more accessible to local patrons and library users statewide. The resultant records are to be included in the grantee's online catalog and in the OCLC WorldCat database (\$40,000).

**Statewide Digitization Project**

**CONTINUING**

**Proposed Budget: \$52,659**

This project provides basic support and guidance for the Missouri Digital Heritage portal based in the Office of Secretary of State/Missouri State Library. Missouri Digital Heritage includes the resource collections created with LSTA grant funding, collections hosted at other institutions, and resources from the Missouri State Archives. Students, researchers the general public, county and local governments, public, academic and school libraries and local history societies use these resources to explore the richness of Missouri's history and culture. The Missouri State Archives is a primary project partner, which contributes its own collections. Emphasis will continue to be placed on multi-partner projects on topics of statewide interest.

Statewide digitization project expenses include the Missouri Digital Heritage database hosted service and a federated search product that acts as a web portal to all Missouri Digital Heritage collections.

## **Missouri State Library Goal 2: Targeting Library and Information Services**

### **LSTA Priority 5: Supporting an Educated and Informed Citizenry**

### **LSTA Priority 6: Serving the Underserved**

#### **Racing to Read**

**NEW**

#### **Proposed Budget: \$205,250**

This new project will help public libraries expand their role in fostering early literacy in their communities, using as the foundation and expanding upon a program developed by the Springfield-Greene County Library called Racing to Read. This easy to understand and use early literacy model focuses on five practices that parents and caregivers can use to help young children gain the skills needed to be ready to learn to read and write. The companion program, Racing to Read to Go, focuses on implementing or strengthening partnerships in the community and bringing early literacy services to remote locations to better reach at-risk populations.

In spring 2014, public library staff was trained in early literacy fundamentals. Grants were offered to libraries to implement or enhance early literacy programs and services at their libraries. Grantees were expected to integrate the early literacy development skills learned at the workshop into their summer reading program efforts.

In state fiscal year 2015 a four-pronged approach will be taken to help implement Racing to Read statewide: 1) workshops and webinars will be held to introduce libraries to the Racing to Read and Racing to Read to Go programs (\$12,250); 2) grants will be provided to help public libraries implement or enhance early literacy programs and services at their libraries using these models (\$180,000); 3) a media campaign to include press releases to local newspapers to inform parents and caregivers of young children about the importance of early literacy in preparing their children to be ready to read when they start school. Up to two promotional videos will be created to introduce potential partners, parents and caregivers to the Racing to Read program. (\$5,000); and 4) early literacy skill cards, bookmarks and brochures will be printed and distributed to local public libraries (\$8,000).

#### **Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library**

**CONTINUING**

#### **Proposed Budget: \$361,178**

Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library provides circulation of materials, and reader advisory and special library services for persons with physical difficulties in using standard print materials. This amount is appropriated through the General Assembly.

**Missouri State Library Goal 3: Strengthening the Library Workforce**  
**LSTA Priority 3: Provide Training and Professional Development for the Library Workforce and Leadership**

**Library Skills Training**  
**Proposed Budget: \$77,947**

**CONTINUING**

Library skills trainings are designed to deliver instruction on basic and advanced levels. Basic skills training will predominantly be available to paraprofessional library staff through the Alternative Basic Library Education (ABLE) and Supplemental Alternative Basic Library Education (SABLE) resources produced by the Idaho Commission for Libraries. However, basic topics pertaining specifically to Missouri issues may be held via multi-day intensive training sessions, webinars or single day regional workshops. Potential basic topics include an introduction to statewide online resources and the Missouri library landscape.

Potential topics for advanced skills trainings include readers' advisory, services to adults, services to seniors, services to children and/or teens, cataloging and classification, human resources, new directors' orientation, and improving service to people with disabilities. Trainings may be held via multi-day intensive training sessions, webinars or single day regional workshops. A variety of partnerships and service providers will be explored.

**Literacy Services Development**  
**Proposed Budget: \$15,025**

**CONTINUING**

This project will provide training in the development and implementation of literacy-based services for public library staff members and their community partners. Training will focus on adult literacy and summer reading programs for children, teens and adults. Trainings may be held via webinars or single day regional workshops.

**Continuing Education for Academic Library Staff**  
**Proposed Budget: \$30,000**

**CONTINUING**

In partnership with MOBIUS, funding is provided for the Annual MOBIUS Users' Conference, one of the largest educational events for academic librarians in Missouri. The conference program enhances skills and abilities in the use of the Common Library Platform system to provide students effective access to library content. Other learning sessions address topics such as digitization, student instruction, developing collections, and improving searching through cataloging. As a result of conference attendance, librarians are better educated and equipped to provide improved library service to their academic communities.

The conference is planned by a MOBIUS committee, but also provides a strong partnership opportunity for the Missouri State Library. Typically, the conference has approximately 330 attendees and 36 sessions are offered. The conference budget is also supported through exhibits, vendor contributions, and MOBIUS funds.

The State Library responsibility involves participating in the MOBIUS Conference planning committee to monitor LSTA compliance, promoting the event, and funding through the LSTA program.

**Services to Persons Having Difficulty Using the Library**  
**Proposed Budget: \$30,000**

**CONTINUING**

This project continues the successful partnership with the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to improve services for persons with mental health and/or developmental disabilities. DMH will target training of public library staff to improve the services which those persons receive when they use their local public library. The FY15 proposal is typically developed in spring 2014.

## **Missouri State Library: Overarching Programs**

### **Library Development**

**Proposed Budget: \$47,185**

**CONTINUING**

The Missouri State Library provides information and assistance to libraries on expanding services for learning and access to information and educational resources, on using technologies to expand electronic networks and provide electronic and other linkages among all types of libraries, on developing public and private partnerships, and on providing library services for persons meeting the LSTA criteria for targeted assistance. In addition to consultant services, staff manages statewide projects, prepares publications, offers statistical support, and maintains a collection of materials for consultation and loan to local libraries via Missouri State Library Reference Services.

This amount is appropriated through the General Assembly. This includes funds used for the management and delivery of the LSTA grant program.

### **Statewide Projects**

**CONTINUING**

Missouri State Library administered projects, contracts or subgrants to promote standards and best practices and to encourage and support networking, collaboration and resource sharing among Missouri's libraries. Projects must meet goals and objectives of the Missouri State Library LSTA Program Five-Year Plan for Years 2013-2017. Applications are available on an inquiry or invitation basis as funds allow.

## **Competitive Grants**

### **Missouri State Library Goal 1: Building and Sustaining Information Resources**

#### **LSTA Priority 1: Expand Services for Learning and Access to Information**

#### **LSTA Priority 2: Establish or Enhance Electronic Access to Library and Information Services**

**Proposed Budget: \$712,530**

#### **Digital Imaging**

**CONTINUING**

These grants provide funding for scanning, cataloging and Web delivery of significant historical and cultural materials in Missouri and in Missouri history. Grants are restricted to projects involving original source materials. Priorities include importance of the collection including demonstration of patron demand; institutions doing their first project; demonstration projects that document best practices; projects involving underserved partners; and institutions adding metadata to existing digital collections. High priority is given to multi-partner projects on topics of statewide interest including World War 1, which is overseen by the Springfield-Greene County Library District; and newspaper digitization, which is overseen by the State Historical Society of Missouri. Proposals were due in January 2014 for projects beginning May 2014 (\$232,000).

#### **Technology Ladder**

**CONTINUING**

Provides a comprehensive technology enhancement grant that will help public libraries improve their computer security, network performance, and provide reasonable computer resources to their patrons. Proposals were due in January 2014 for projects beginning May 2014 (\$150,000).

#### **Technology Mini Grant**

**CONTINUING**

Open to qualified public libraries needing to replace, upgrade or add new equipment or software. Projects should be of short duration including compilation of adequate evaluation measures. Proposals are due July 2014 for projects beginning September 2014 and January 2015 for projects beginning March 2015 (\$330,530).

**Missouri State Library Goal 2: Targeting Library and Information Services**

**LSTA Priority 5: Supporting an Educated and Informed Citizenry**

**LSTA Priority 6: Serving the Underserved**

**Proposed Budget: \$405,000**

**Spotlight on Literacy**

**CONTINUING**

This grant program offers Missouri public libraries, academic libraries, and secondary or post-secondary school libraries the opportunity to serve patrons of all ages through programs that support an educated and informed citizenry. Programs may encourage reading, language skills development, academic improvement including GED instruction, job skills development, computer skills development, and health literacy skills development. Collaborative efforts to better serve low-literacy populations are strongly encouraged. Proposals were due in January 2014 for projects beginning May 2014 (\$50,000).

**Summer Library Program Grants**

**CONTINUING**

Provide libraries with additional funds to expand opportunities for people of all ages to improve their reading skills, enrich summer learning experiences, and enhance opportunities for libraries to reach underserved summer populations. Applications are due in November 2014 for projects beginning February 2015 (\$275,000).

**Collections Grants**

**CONTINUING**

Collection grants provide funds to public and school libraries to strengthen print, audio and digital collections. During this State fiscal year, emphasis will be placed on improving nonfiction collections. Applications are due in May 2014 for projects beginning August 2014. (\$80,000)

**Missouri State Library Goal 3: Strengthening the Library Workforce**

**LSTA Priority 3: Provide Training and Professional Development for the Library Workforce and Leadership**

**Proposed Budget: \$50,000**

**Show-Me Steps to Continuing Education**

**CONTINUING**

Provide financial assistance for Missouri library personnel and public library trustees to participate in continuing education and training opportunities, with some match of funds by local institutions. Trainings can be for individuals or groups. Applications are accepted throughout the year. (\$50,000)

## **Missouri State Library: Overarching Sub-Grant Programs**

**Proposed Budget: \$80,000**

### **Library Service Improvement Grants**

Libraries may develop project proposals to address local library service needs that meet LSTA priorities, Missouri State Library goals, and are in accord with the Missouri State Library LSTA Program Five-Year Plan for Years 2013-2017, but are out of scope with current competitive grant programs. Proposals will be accepted once a year with approved proposals to continue into an application process for further consideration. Applications were due in February 2014 for projects to start in May 2014. (\$80,000)

### **Other**

As funds allow, the State Library may also develop other competitive sub-grant programs to address timely library service needs that meet LSTA priorities and Missouri State Library goals, and are in accord with the Missouri State Library LSTA Program Five-Year Plan for Years 2013-2017.